

# Yealmpton Bowling Club

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 10:30am

Committee Members present: Andy Lugg (Club Captain), ColinGeorge (Men's Team Captain), Mark Pope (Green Keeper), Bob Smith (Club Secretary) Colin Burgess (Club Coach & Safeguarding), Annette Court-Hampton (Ladies Team Captain).

Volunteer Officers present: Andy Lugg (Estate Manager), Yvonne Willis (Admin Support), Peter Ford (Website Manager),

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Fred Lewis (President & Fixtures Secretary), Mike Hexter (Treasurer), Mandy Holland (Ladies Vice Team Captain)

## 2 & 3. Questionnaire Feedback & Strategy for Member Commitment to Play Matches/Competitions

The questionnaire was instigated by the previous Club Captain, Roy Holland, in conjunction with Andy and Annette due to the problems in getting members to play Mixed Friendly matches. Its purpose was to find out why. 54 questionnaires were issued, with 67% returned. The results are not conclusive in any one direction but a number of issues were identified. The Committee discussed these issues at length and concluded:-

- Communication – despite having an excellent website, some members do not use it to its full potential. Bob and Colin will implement a new coaching strategy from next season. New members will be given an induction, informed how to use the website, informed of their obligations to the Club, buddied up with a mentor when they are ready to play roll-ups. Details of the strategy will be shared with the Committee at the next meeting.
- Competitiveness - Of the 36 responses received only 20 stated that they had joined the Club to play competitively. Yealmpton is a village bowling club and it is accepted that, as such, some members join for the social aspect only.
- Number of matches – as a trial, the number of Mixed Friendly matches will be reduced next season from 25 to 14. This will include the Patrons and Masonics. A review will be undertaken towards the end of next season to determine whether the number of matches is sufficient. Additionally, Bob will email all men who play in the P&D League to determine whether a reduction in Men's League matches would be supported. The Competitions Committee will review the current competitions to determine whether the number of competitions is sustainable given the number of matches being played with recommendations reported to the next Management Committee.
- Divided Club – this has been the case for many years. Some members do not wish to participate in league matches, friendlies, competitions. Some members only want to play league matches. It was agreed that the Club will have to work with these divisions as there is no easy solution.
- Commitment – all members must be committed to the Club. This includes bowling, tea duties, cleaning, assisting the green keeper. This will form part of the new coaching strategy.

## 4. AOB

- Rink booking – there were no objections to the email issued on 8<sup>th</sup> July. For the rest of this season one rink on Tuesday morning can be used for County or Club competitions. Rink booking on Wednesday morning and Friday evenings must be discussed with the greenkeeper and Club Captain respectively
- AGM 2022 – The Notice of the AGM will be issued on 27<sup>th</sup> September and the AGM will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> October.
- Subject to the approval of today's absentee Committee Members the new Management Structure will be fully implemented although further discussion may be required regarding the President role and the need for a Chairman / Vice Chairman.
- Officer Nominations - forms will be posted on the website and in the Clubhouse on 1<sup>st</sup> September.
- Prize Giving – Andy suggested that the prize giving takes place on 18<sup>th</sup> September, after all finals have been concluded. The event would be a social day where everyone is invited and a BBQ would be laid on during the afternoon.
- Date of next meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> September. Time TBC